



**Town of North Stonington
Board of Selectmen Meeting
North Stonington Education Center & Zoom Meeting
December 14, 2021
6:00 PM**

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MINUTES

1. **Call to order/Roll Call:** Call to order at 6:00pm. First Selectman Bob Carlson, Selectman Nicole Porter, and Selectman Brett Mastroianni in attendance with Administration & Finance Officer Christine Dias.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items***
4. **Selectman Comments:** Selectman Porter attended the New Heights opening. Selectman Porter wants to get information out to North Stonington and suggestions were made on how to get the information to the public. Selectman Mastroianni mentioned that he attended the sector's meeting.
5. **First Selectman Report/Correspondence:** First Selectman Carlson reported that field trips have already taken place at the highway garage, fire station, and rec building. The field trips allow the BOS to see things for themselves and gain a better understanding for budget season. Next week, there is a scheduled field trip to the transfer station. Future field trips include Hewitt Farm, a tour of the town, and two tours of the schools. Additionally, First Selectman Carlson announced he will now be meeting with three other First Selectmen from Griswold, Preston, and Voluntown quarterly. All four towns are rural and face similar issues. All four First Selectmen will meet in January, April, July, and October for informal discussions. Lastly, there

is a Boy Scout and Eagle Scout Award Ceremony taking place on January 15th at the library.

6. Old Business

a. Community Conversation Report: Updates were given on the progress the Community Conversation Committee has made. An article in the newspaper was published, invitations were sent out, and every door mail arrival will most likely go out next week. The invitations will also be posted on social media.

b. Report from Economic Development Commission on North Stonington Works program: Selectman Mastroianni gave a report. The North Stonington Works program is open and businesses can apply. Selectman Mastroianni discussed different ways to get the information out to the public.

7. Registrar of Voters Presentation: Connie Berardi gave a presentation. There was a discussion on possibly changing voting times. The Registrar of Voters asked for consideration to change term lengths for Registrars from 2 years to 4 years. Lastly, the Registrars of Voters asked for consideration to relocate their office back to Town Hall. The BOS will take some time to look at these requests and will discuss this during Old Business at their next meeting.

8. FY2023 Budget Schedule: The BOS reviewed the FY2023 Budget Schedule. It will now be reviewed by the BOF.

9. American Rescue Plan funds

a. Community Conversation: First Selectman Carlson motioned to go to the BOF and ask for an appropriation of \$2,000 out of ARPA funding for Community Conversation, 2nd by Selectman Mastroianni; motion approved 3-0-0. This will be presented at the BOF meeting tomorrow.

b. Small Business Assistance Program: Selectman Mastroianni gave a presentation. Selectman Porter motioned to earmark \$100,000 of the ARPA funds to this project and move it forward to a town meeting, 2nd by First Selectman Carlson, Selectman Mastroianni abstained; motion approved 2-0-1.

10. 298 Expenditure Update: The BOS reviewed the 298 Expenditure. Selectman Mastroianni asked about the status of the contracts associated with 298. The

contracts are still in place because the town does not know what they are doing with the building yet.

11. Staffing Discussion: There will be a vacancy for the Assistant Highway Foreman position. The position is posted on Indeed and the town's website. Christine Dias asked if one of the BOS wanted to be on the panel for hiring. Selectman Mastroianni is willing. Selectman Mastroianni asked if the town should review vacant positions moving forward to determine if they are still needed before hiring again.

12. Appointments: First Selectman Carlson motioned to appoint Heath Dugas and Michael Stark to the Recreation board, 2nd by Selectman Mastroianni; motion approved 3-0-0. Selectman Mastroianni motioned to reappoint David Fede, Geoffrey Barnes, and Michael Dibble to the Cemetery Commission, 2nd by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0.

13. Minutes

a. **November 23, 2021:** Motion by Selectman Porter to approve the minutes, 2nd by First Selectman Carlson; motion approved 3-0-0.

b. **November 30, 2021 Special Meeting:** Motion by Selectman Porter to approve the minutes, 2nd by First Selectman Carlson; motion approved 3-0-0.

c. **December 6, 2021 2:00pm Special Meeting:** Motion by Selectman Porter to approve the minutes, 2nd by First Selectman Carlson; motion approved 3-0-0.

d. **December 6, 2021 5:00pm Special Meeting:** Motion by Selectman Porter to approve the minutes, 2nd by Selectman Mastroianni; motion approved 3-0-0.

14. Public Comments*

15. Next Meeting: The BOS will be canceling the next meeting: January 4, 2022- Special Meeting 7:00pm

16. Adjournment: Selectman Mastroianni motioned to adjourn at 8:12pm, 2nd by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0.

*The Board of Selectmen respectfully requests that public comments do not exceed two (2) minutes per person in respect for everyone's time.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ivanna Hugo